

Remarks

By this Amendment, claims 43, 44, 47, 54, 55 and 60-63 are amended, and claims 31-33, 35, 36, 38-41, 53, 56-59, 69 and 70 are canceled. After entry of this amendment, claims 42-45, 47-52, 54, 55 and 60-68 will be pending. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 31-33, 35, 36, 38-41, 53, 56-59, 69 and 70 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to expedite prosecution and for economic reasons. Applicants reserve all rights to pursue these and similar claims in a continuing application.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 42 and 51 are allowed, and that claims 52-55 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 43-45 are amended to depend from allowed claim 42.

Independent claim 47 is amended to include the features of allowable claim 53, so claim 47 should be allowed. Claim 53 has been canceled.

Claims 48-50, 52, 54, 55 and 64-68 depend from claim 47. Claims 54 and 55 have been amended for correct antecedent basis.

Claims 60-63 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 51.

Based on the above amendments, the prior art rejections raised in the Office action are moot.

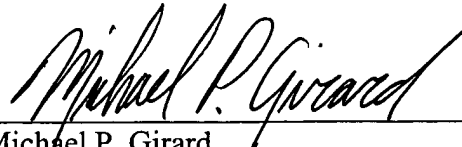
Applicants request the Examiner to indicate her consideration of the references identified in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 19, 2005, another copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's reference.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are directed to allowable subject matter and that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner

believes that anything further is necessary to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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